IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1215 OF 2007
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO./545 OF 2006

Shridhar Laxman Chennuri
presently undergoing sentence
at Kolhapur Central Prison. .... Applicant

versus

1. Union of India
2. The State of Maharashtra..... Respondent.

Mr. Anil Lalla i/b Lalla & Lalla for the petitioner.
Mr. R.F.Lambay for Respondent no.1.
Mr. D.R.More APP for State.

CORAM; A.P. DESHPANDE, J.
DATED; 27TH NOVEMBER, 2007

P.C.;

1. The Applicant has moved the present application for grant of temporary bail with a view to attend the marriage ceremony of the applicant's daughter which is scheduled to be performed on 4-12-2007. Realising the difficulty in securing bail, as the applicant has been convicted for commission of offence under NDPS Act, the learned counsel for the applicant restricts the prayer in the application for permitting the applicant to attend the marriage ceremony with police escort. The learned Special Counsel appearing for the respondents, does not dispute the fact of the marriage

of the daughter of the applicant scheduled to be held on 4-12-2007. The applicant has been in jail for last about seven years and he has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a period of ten years. Having regard to the totality of the facts and circumstances, the applicant needs to be permitted to attend the wedding of his daughter. The applicant is presently lodged in Central jail at Kolhapur and hence initially he will have to be produced to the Bombay Central Jail at Mumbai so that the police escorts from Mumbai can take the applicant at the place of marriage.

2. The learned special counsel proposes that the applicant should make provision for stay of the guards along with him at the place of marriage so that the guards can take the applicant to the Central Jail, Kolhapur on 5-12-2007. The proposal is accepted by the learned counsel for the applicant.

3. Hence I direct the respondent no.2 to bring the applicant from Central Jail, Kolhapur to Arthur Road Jail at Mumbai on or before 3-12-2007 and the jail authorities of respondent no.2 are directed to provide police escort as admissible under the rules so that the applicant can attend the marriage of his daughter on 4-12-2007 at Mumbai.

4. It is made clear that the guards would be accompanying the applicant in plain clothes and would be in near vicinity of the applicant. The guards to be provided by the respondent shall be at the costs of the applicant. The applicant shall deposit the expenses of the guards with the jail authorities as per the Jail Manual.

5. Parties to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

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